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Sir:

This Response is made to the Office action mailed 8/14/2002 in the above-referenced application. A shortened period for reply was set to expire 1 month from the date of mailing. Applicants note that August 14, 2002 is a Saturday; therefore, this response is timely filed on Monday, August 16, 2002.

The Examiner has stated that the Response filed May 6, 2002 was not fully responsive in that it failed to list all claims corresponding to elected Species A.

As stated in the previous Response, Applicants have elected Group I and Species A, and respectfully traverse the restriction requirement.

Applicants list the following claims, including those added in the Preliminary Amendment, as readable on the elected Group I, Species A:

1, 3 - 12, 14 - 18, 20 - 22, 24 - 27, 61 - 63; 65 - 72; 74 - 76, 92, and 102 - 103.

The Examiner will note that claim 19 would also read on species A, but was cancelled by the preliminary amendment.

Claims 16 - 18 and 20, 24 - 27 are generic in that these claims contemplate a method of generating

C:\WPWIN60\WPDOCS\CAPR\1010.017 0915021813 a therapeutic dosage of gas without limitation as to the targeted area (Say, oral/nasal or ocular).

Applicants also respectfully note an error in the original election in that Claim 27 should be included as a method claim under Group I, and respectfully request that the original election be amended accordingly to include Claim 27.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 16, 2002

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